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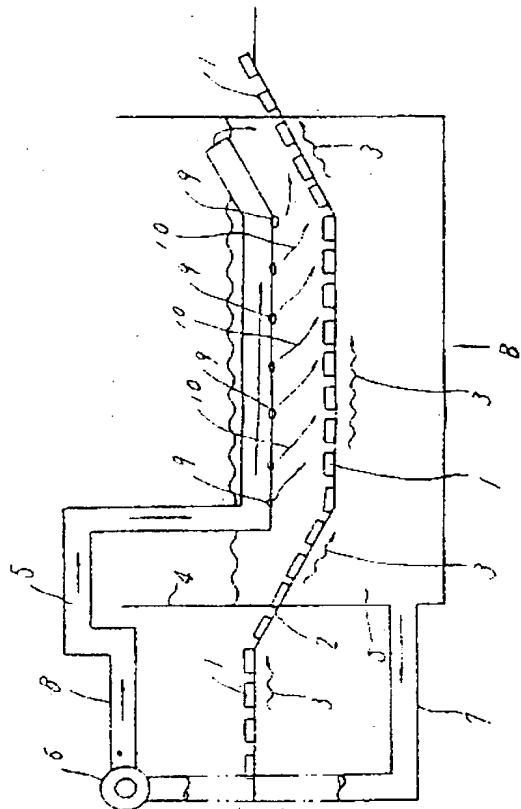
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TITLE : ARTICLE TRANSPORT APPARATUS



ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To stably transport articles in the going direction without a jam by blowing a liquid against an article in the liquid.

CONSTITUTION: In an apparatus for transporting articles 1 on a rail 2 in a liquid 5, a liquid is blown against the articles by a liquid blowing mechanism comprising a pump 6, pipes 7, 8 and a nozzle 9. Thus, the articles 1 can be stably transported without a jam on the rail 2 in the liquid. In case of cleaning the articles 1 with the liquid 5 by the apparatus, a cleaning effect is heightened.

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